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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW - IL 1133 - CRYOGENIC VALVES

REFS: A. COCOM DOCS REV (74) 1133/1 AND 1133/2

B. STATE 45746

C. STATE 32269

1. ON 6 MARCH CHAIRMAN ASKED US FOR POSITION ON JAPAN-ESE PROPOSAL FOR DELETION OF SUBITEM (A). US CONTINUED RESERVE (SINCE REF B DID NOT COVER THIS POINT) AND INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR GERMAN PROPOSAL.

2. GERMAN DELEGATION EXPLAINED THAT PROPOSAL WAS PREPARED TO COVER SPECIALLY DESIGNED COMPONENTS THAT WERE FOR USE IN THE TEMPERATURE RANGE INVOLVING LIQUID HYDROGEN AND LIQUID HELIUM. (IN BILATERAL WITH US EXPERT, HE POINTED OUT CONCERN FOR ROCKET AND MIS-SILE FUEL SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND NOTED THAT THEY WERE ALSO INTERESTED IN COVERING COMPONENTS FOR NUCLEAR USES OF LIQUID DEUTERIUM.)

3. THE NETHERLANDS WERE OPENMINDED. OTHER DELEGATIONS FAVORED JAPANESE PROPOSAL AND RESERVED TO HAVE TIME TO STUDY GERMAN SUBMISSION. ADDITIONALLY, UK REFUS REFERRED TO REV DOC (71) ML 20/1 GIVING COMMENTS ON CONFIDENTIAL

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BLOC CRYOGENIC CAPABILITIES. THAT INFORMATION CAUSED

THEM TO BE UNSURE REGARDING JUSTIFICATION FOR EMBARGOING SUBITEM (A) COMPONENTS UNDER THE CRITERIA. GERMANY STATED THAT IN SUBSTANCE, THEY SUPPORTED JAPAN, BUT SUBMITTED THEIR PROPOSAL AS AN ALTERNATIVE IN THE EVENT DELETION OF SUBITEM (A) IS NOT ACCEPTABLE. US RESERVED AND SAID WE WOULD REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE UPON COMPLETION OF ITS STUDY OF GERMAN COUNTERPROPOSAL.

4. US ASKED FOR DEFINITION OF "TOMBAC". GERMANY ANSWERED THAT THIS WAS A TIN-COPPER (BRONZE) ALLOY THAT WAS FLEXIBLE AND RESISTANT TO FATIGUE.

ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS RE JAPANESE PROPOSAL FOR DELETION SUBITEM (A). EVALUATE GERMAN PROPOSAL AND PROVIDE INSTRUCTIONS AND POSITION. IT APPEARS TO BE BASED ON SOUND MATERIALS AND ENGINEERING CONSIDERATIONS AND COULD BE ADMINISTERED WITHOUT CONFUSION. THE DETAIL WOULD APPEAR TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR ANY TEMPERATURE CUT-OFF PARAMETERS.

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